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Rules to be enforced at the port of Calcutta.

1. All gangways shall be freshly tarred every day and shall be drawn up at night.
2. All cables shall be protected with rat guards.
3. All ships must be kept 3 feet off the dock wall or jetty by means of fenders.

Destruction of rats.

With regard to the suggestion that fumigation of ship's hold should be enforced prior to shipment of cargo, "the lieutenant-governor thinks that this would entail considerable trouble and expense, and he is unwilling to impede the dispatch of business in the port by ordering its general adoption as a compulsory measure. It appears, however, that the precaution is voluntarily adopted by ships' captains in the case of vessels bound for Australian ports, and his honor desires that the port health officer will impress upon all ship owners and masters the utility of the measure and the desirability of its adoption when opportunity arises." (Extract from communication from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal.)

Of the two agencies in this city dispatching boats to the United States, one, the more influential, particularly requested the Government of Bengal that its vessels be fumigated with sulphur before loading, and the other has signified its willingness to incur the expense and trouble of fumigation. With the approval of the local government, as expressed in the paragraph quoted, and from the apparent willingness of the agents, it is hoped that fumigation of vessels bound for American ports will soon be arranged for.

Mortality in Bombay—Prophylactic inoculation against plague.

Acting Asst. Surg. Edward H. Hume, at Byculla, reports, December 19, as follows:

Deaths in Bombay during week ended December 15: Smallpox, 4; plague, 56; malaria, 47; relapsing fever, 4; cholera, 1; diarrheal diseases, 49. Total mortality, 587; death rate per annum, 39.33. Total mortality, same week of last year, 708; death rate for same week, 47.44.

It will be observed that, compared with last year, conditions are much improved. The reports of inoculators show that people are submitting to plague prophylactic inoculations far more readily than ever before.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Cholera in Turkey.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, December 21 and 28, as follows: During the week ended December 19, 1903, the following ship was inspected at Naples:

Italian steamship *Thomas*, bound in ballast for Pensacola.

Cholera in Turkey.

A report from Constantinople, dated December 14, 1903, states that Asiatic cholera has broken out at Kerbela, a village near Bagdad, where many Persians go every year on a pilgrimage. December 11 there were 12 cases and 6 deaths.

Inspection of vessels—Plague in Mauritius.

Week ended December 26, 1903.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Dec. 22	California.....	New York	354	25	515	12
23	Carpathia.....	do	347	30	125	16

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN MAURITIUS.

Telegrams from the governor of Mauritius state that during the week ended December 10, 1903, there were 76 cases of bubonic plague in the island and 46 deaths, and for the week ended December 17, 1903, 83 cases, 49 fatal.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Plague—Cholera in Nagasaki.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, December 5 and 9, as follows: During the week ended November 28, 1903, bills of health for five steamers, having an aggregate personnel of 468 crew and 952 passengers, were inspected; 94 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing disinfected.

For the above period the official report of communicable diseases in Yokohama is as follows: Enteric fever, 2 cases, 3 deaths; diphtheria, 2 cases, 2 deaths; plague, 1 case, 1 death; dysentery, 2 cases, no deaths.

Cholera in Nagasaki.

The following statement, dated November 30, as to cholera in Nagasaki has been received: 130 cases, 64 deaths; also 19 cases of cholera, 16 of which terminated fatally.

Immigrants for Honolulu and San Francisco recommended for rejection.

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection on steamship *Siberia*, for Honolulu, December 12, 1903, 22; on steamship *Coptic*, December 19, 1903, 4.

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection on steamship *Siberia*, for San Francisco, December 12, 1903, 1; on steamship *Coptic* for San Francisco, December 19, 1903, 1.

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection on steamship *Shimano Maru*, for Seattle, December 12, 1903, 9.